

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. on November 17, 2005 in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila
Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter
Chuck Collins
Bob Fuselier
Bob Gates
Ginna Reyes
Tom Ricotta
Howard Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Christensen

Members present represent a quorum

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Peter Drinkwater
Guillermo "Willie" Vasquez
Steve Cummings
Dan Thompson

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ramona Finnila introduced Bob Fuselier and Guillermo "Willie" Vasquez to each other.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob Gates motioned that the minutes for the month of November 2005 be approved, Tom Ricotta seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with Bob Fuselier and Tim Hutter abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – G. Reyes

Ginna Reyes turned the time over to Mr. Collins and Mr. Cummings who presented the Fly Friendly Program power point presentation. The presentation will be presented on a regular basis to the community homeowners in the future.

In regards to the presentation, Ms. Finnila suggested that the term “missed approach,” should be clarified so that the public would understand that does not refer to a dangerous occurrence. Mr. Collins said that aviation terminology will be used during presentations to homeowners and they will be able to determine through those presentations what verbiage corrections will need to be made. Ms. Reyes recommended the verbiage be changed to indicate that there will soon be a fourth full service, fixed base operator.

Mr. Drinkwater and Mr. Fuselier felt that the mention of future airport expansion could take the focus of the presentation away from the airport itself.

Gail Carroll, a local resident, said that the presentation was good. She liked that the airport was shown before and after the community growth. She recommended that a slide be included that addressed how the PAAC and County Airports are trying to encourage the pilots to reduce the noise levels. She advised that goals for noise reduction should be defined.

Mr. Fuselier recommended that information showing what progress the Voluntary Noise Abatement Program (VNAP) has already made be included as well as an indication of the steps that have already been taken to reduce the noise levels.

PART 150 UPDATE BY URS – G. Vasquez

The third draft version of the Noise Compatibility Plan (NCP) was submitted to the PAAC for review and comment early in October. A presentation regarding the plan was made by URS on October 20, 2005. Comments from the PAAC committee and the City of Carlsbad will be incorporated into the fourth version. The final public hearing will be on January 10, 2006. The required thirty day notice will be put out by December 10, 2005 and the fourth version of the plan will be placed in the Carlsbad Public Library in advance of the final public hearing. Ms. Deborah Murphy of URS will be conducting the presentation.

Mr. Hutter asked about written comments from the City of Carlsbad that were going to be incorporated into the draft of the NCP. Ms. Finnila said that those comments would be included in the back of the fourth version of the NCP.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS – S. Cummings

- ➔Monthly Operations Count: 18,139
- ➔Monthly Air Carriers Throughput:

- Revenue Out: 4,269; Revenue In: 4,115; Non-Revenue Out: 529;
Non-Revenue In: 425
- Annual Operations Count: 177,499
 - Monthly Enplanements: 4,385
 - Annual Enplanements: 40,875
 - Local Traffic: 6,800
 - Transient Traffic: 11,339
 - IFR Traffic: 4,622
 - VFR Traffic: 13,517
 - Monthly Concerns for October: 50
 - Annual Concerns: 1,195
 - Ratio of concerns to operations: 50:18,139; 1 concern for every 363 operations.
 - Local caller traffic breakdown:
 - Southwest: 49 concerns; San Marcos: 1 concern
 - Single Callers: 26; Repeat Callers: 4
 - Noise complaints by aircraft type: Props: 14; Jets: 30; Helicopters: 6
 - Noise complaints by type:
 - Noise Concerns: 6; VNAP Concerns: 6; Low: 30; over flight: 8
 - Noise complaints by time of day:
 - 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.: 26; 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.: 17; 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.: 8

Ms. Reyes asked if it was unusual to get several complaints about low jet noise during the day. Mr. Cummings said that it was unusual and that it may be attributable to October's low concern count and that this month, though unusual, the calls happened to be higher during the day than at night. Ms. Carroll suggested that the evening complaint counts may be lower in October due to colder weather and residents keeping their windows closed at night. Ms. Finnilla mentioned that fog tended to decrease the evening complaint counts as well. She also noted that the increased number of helicopters working in the area may increase the number of helicopter complaints.

STAFF REPORT – G. Vasquez

The County has selected a coffee cart vendor named Casual Café. Their projected operations start date is December 15, 2005. Currently, the business is getting their cart made, obtaining the required permits and working out logistic issues. The cart will be located in front of the terminal and just to the east of the maintenance building. The hours were still being negotiated but preferably they will be from seven to five although they may change depending on trends observed after the cart is opened. Mr. Hutter noted that he had heard complaints that coffee is not available prior to seven a.m. Mr. Vasquez said that issue will be addressed and the possibility of the cart opening earlier will be explored.

The north side project began the week of November 14, 2005. The contractor had moved on site and an earth excavator had been assembled. They will start with a retention basin and will work their way out to build a wall. Then, they will do earth work to re-compact and bring in fill. The project is estimated to be completed by April of next year though

that date depends on the weather. Additionally, there is a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Hutter asked if the recent fire was out at the airport and what the cost was of putting out the fire. Mr. Vasquez said that the last probe registered 170 degrees though he could not say for certain that the fire was out. Mr. Drinkwater said there was no cost to the Airport for the fire since the airport was not at fault. If the County Airports division ends up regrading the pavement near Western Flight which was affected by the fire the cost will probably be split with Airports paying 55% of the cost.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater thanked Ms. Reyes and Western Flight for their cooperation and support during the fire.

Ms. Finnila said that periodically the Board of Supervisors reviews all of the committees that they have to determine if their purposes are still the same or if they have changed. The Board also asks if the committee should be continued or revised or modified in some fashion. The PAAC's responsibilities were reviewed. After discussion, it was recommended the committee would continue subject to review and discussion in 2006. Ms. Finnila said that one question asked was if it would be a good idea to combine all of the County Airports Advisory Committees into one governing committee that would oversee all of the County Airports. Some of the pros of having one committee would be a wider visioning of the whole question of how the airports work and how each airport fits into the bigger picture as well as greater efficiency of staff time and cost. Some of the negative aspects of one combined committee might be a feeling by some that the personal attributes of each airport would be lost in the overview, difficulty in getting to a centralized meeting and difficulty in having representation from the local communities. One possibility would be to rotate the location of the meetings so that there would be some held in each of the Counties.

Mr. Collins felt that the PAAC meetings should continue as they are, as the local advisory committees provided better forums for the public due to their proximity to their respective airports as well as being able to focus solely on the issues pertaining to the airport in their area. Mr. Ricotta agreed with Mr. Collins.

Mr. Hutter felt that the PAAC needed more time and complete information about what the nature of the proposed countywide advisory committee would be before an informed decision could be made. He said that he felt the PAAC should propose the committee continue unchanged for the time being. Once the PAAC has had a chance to fully review what is being proposed countywide they could open discussions at that time about any modification of the committee.

Ms. Reyes asked if the governing committee would represent only County Airports and if so could other airports be represented, even on a non-voting basis. She felt that increased representation would allow for a broader vision in this region, which may help solve

some of the current aviation issues. She also felt that perhaps the PAAC could be continued in some form, allowing the good work that PAAC does to continue, while also having strong representation in a larger, regional body.

Ms. Finnila said that there is strength in a regional approach. She feels that the airports of the County have not been given their proper importance, have been relegated to the bottom of the funding list, and are low on the Board of Supervisor's priority list much of the time.

Mr. Fuselier felt that while the localized approach is very helpful for the community there would be a benefit of a more coordinated effort. He felt that the PAAC meetings should continue and perhaps a regular meeting of the chairpersons would be sufficient.

Mr. Gates understood the reasons for having a central committee but felt that to truly meet the community's needs and focus on a single airport it was important to have individual advisory committees.

Mr. Drinkwater said that staff time was not a criterion and was explicitly prohibited by the Board of Supervisors. He said the question was would the PAAC be able to accomplish the committee's goals if they are not integrated into a major committee which would deal with budget issues, contract approvals, understand the full nature of what the airports are trying to accomplish, how projects are being prioritized and what the vision for the future is. It would be an authority based communication from a board of professionals which would talk directly to the Board of Supervisors. The PAAC or some variation of it would continue to function. Mr. Drinkwater also feels that a regional committee would have more of a presence and impact on local city governments.

Ms. Finnila said that a group of people moving behind one idea it is much more forceful and powerful than if one person is trying to move the idea. Mr. Williams agreed with Ms. Finnila.

Mr. Fuselier said that the PAAC performs a different function than a joint powers committee would in that it provides a function of interface with the community which then provides feedback to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Drinkwater said that function would continue.

Mr. Hutter asked if the white paper Mr. Drinkwater referenced could be distributed to the PAAC members and discussed during the January PAAC meeting. Mr. Drinkwater said that he would like to distribute the "white paper" to the PAAC and said that the County Board Aides had asked for feedback from the advisory committees for feedback. He has received comments from Mr. Hutter and from Ms. Finnila. He said that the concern of the Board of Supervisors is that the white paper needs to remain confidential, which Ms. Finnila re-emphasized.

Mr. Ricotta said that SH & E, a consulting group, was on the airport earlier in the month conducting interviews with FBO's on behalf of the Regional Airport Authority as part of

a research project they had been asked to do. Mr. Ricotta asked if Mr. Drinkwater had known about their presence at the airport and what the nature of the project was. Mr. Drinkwater said that he would look into the matter and that there were some reductions in space allowed for FBO's at Lindbergh Field. There is some surveying and research going on around the County as to what businesses are located at the various County Airports.

Mr. Kaplan, president of Vision Air, will be meeting with Mr. Drinkwater, Mr. Vasquez and Roger Griffiths. The company flies 328 turbo prop planes out of Williams Gateway Airport. Vision Air wants to start service from Gillespie Field and Palomar Airport to Phoenix and Las Vegas. Mr. Drinkwater will advise PAAC of the outcome of the meeting.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hutter announced that Cal State San Marcos had presented to the first Fran Alsheir Leadership Award in honor of her leadership capabilities in the North County over the last several years. He also announced Magellan Aviation's Christmas Party on December 15, 2005.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON JANUARY 19, 2006

Ms. Finnila canceled the December 2005 PAAC meeting and announced that the next meeting would be held on January 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I